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SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY SCREENS *OFF AND RUNNING*

The Story of a Promising Brooklyn Teenager's Struggle with her "True" Identity.

SAN DIEGO – The San Diego Public Library, in partnership with Media Arts Center San Diego and PBS' Point-of-View (POV) series, will host a preview film screening of *Off and Running*, directed and produced by Nicole Oppen. The film will screen on Monday, September 13, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. in the 3rd floor auditorium of the Central Library, located at 820 E Street in downtown San Diego. This event is free and open to the public.

Off and Running is the story of Brooklyn teenager Avery, a track star with a bright future. She is the adopted African-American child of white Jewish lesbians. Her two brothers are black and Puerto Rican and Korean. Though it may not look typical, Avery's household is like most American homes — until Avery writes to her birth mother and the response throws her into crisis. She struggles over her "true" identity, the circumstances of her adoption and her estrangement from black culture. Just when it seems as if her life will unravel, Avery begins to make sense of her identity, with inspiring results.

Since 1988, PBS' "POV" series has brought the best of independent point-of-view documentaries to a national audience, featuring the work of America's most innovative documentary filmmakers to build new communities in conversation about today's most pressing social issues.

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